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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CASES OF INFLUENZA A H1N1
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new cases of Influenza A H1N1 have been recently reported in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the number of people suffered and died of the said epidemic so far, State/UTwise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to check the recurrence of the incidents of Influenza A H1N1 in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): Yes. New cases of Influenza A HINI have been reported recently fom the States of Kerala and Karnataka. From 1st June 2011 till date, Kerala has reported 174 laboratory confirmed cases with 8 deaths and Karnataka has reported 34 laboratory confirmed cases with 6 deaths.

(c) State/UT-wise details of laboratory confirmed cases of and deaths from Influenza A HINI are annexed.

(d) The following steps have been taken to contain Influenza A HINI:

Laboratory based surveillance is continuing to detect recurrence of influenza like illness through Integrated Disease Surveillance Project.

A national network of 45 laboratories is available to test samples (26 in Government Sector and 19 in Private Sector).

States have identified hospitals and isolation facilities during the last pandemic which would be put to use if there is a recurrence.

Adequate stock of Oseltamivir capsules is available in the Central stockpile.

Adequate stock of Personal Protective Equipment is available with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Four Indian Companies (Serum Institute, Panacea Bio-tech and Bharat Biotech, Zydus Cadilla) have the capacity to manufacture the H1N1 vaccine at short notice.

Guidelines and operating procedures are made available to the States and public through the website www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in.